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MESSAGE:

RE: Application Number: 09/688,933

Examiner Phan,

Per our phone conversation last week, here is the after final amendment that we request be entered. We are also submitting the amendment by courier. If the amendment is approved, please enter it and provide a supplemental Notice of Allowance, as we discussed.


If you have any question, concerns or comments, please contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Caroline Swindell

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. 32307-167197	
Application No. 09/688,933-Conf. #2516	Filing Date October 17, 2000	Examiner H. Phan	Art Unit 2633		
Applicant(s): Takaguchi et al.					
Invention: DISPERSION SLOPE EQUALIZER					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
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Independent Claims	3	- 3 =		x	
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated December 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.